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Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: In the Matter of Implementation of Section 302 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, First Order on Reconsideration ("Order"), July 26, 1996  
CS Docket No. 96-46

Dear Mr. Caton,

Sprint respectfully provides this notification in accordance with paragraph 9 of the above referenced Order. Paragraph 9 requires video dialtone (VDT) operators to select one of the four video programming delivery options set forth in Section 651 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The selection is to be made by November 6, 1996.

Sprint, through its North Carolina subsidiary, has been conducting a VDT trial in the Wake Forest area since October 1995. As a result of the Commission's July 26 Order, Sprint has notified the local franchising authorities in the City of Wake Forest and Wake County of its intentions to seek a franchise for the provision of multichannel video programming services pursuant to Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Attached are copies of letters submitted to the appropriate franchising authorities.

This letter provides notification to the Commission of Sprint's selection in accordance with the Order. As recognized by the Commission in paragraph 9 of the Order, Sprint may not be able to complete the transition to a Title VI arrangement by November 6, and if so, prior to November 6, will seek an extension of time of this requirement.

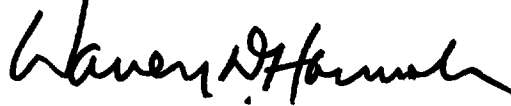
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Warren D. Hannah

**Attachments**

c: Ms. Meredith Jones, Chief, Cable Services Bureau, FCC, Washington, D.C.



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October 3, 1996

Mr. Richard Y. Stevens  
Wake County Manager  
P. O. Box 550  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Since October 1995 Sprint has been conducting a video dial-tone (VDT) trial in the Wake Forest area, testing the possibility of entering the multichannel video programming market. In response to the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Federal Communications Commission has ordered that VDT trials either cease operation in early November 1996 or be reorganized into one of four video programming provider options: 1) as a "common carrier," 2) as a wireless or direct broad satellite distributor, 3) as an "open video system" provider or 4) as a locally franchised cable television operator.

Based on the results of its VDT trial and its long-term business objectives, Sprint has decided its best option is to serve the Wake Forest area as a locally franchised operator. Sprint respectfully requests that the County of Wake begin proceedings to award a franchise to Sprint, pursuant to Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. § 521, *et al.*), as amended, for the authority to provide multichannel video programming services to residents of the County.

In addition, Sprint requests that the County identify the procedures and information required for Sprint to submit a qualified application for such a franchise.

New telecommunications law has provided Sprint the opportunity to enter many exciting new businesses, including the video programming business. We intend to pursue this opportunity in Wake Forest with the same competitive vigor, superior and quality service and tradition of excellence that is reflected in Sprint's current core businesses.

We look forward to working with you in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

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William E. McDonald

cc: Gary Pendleton, Chairman of Board of Commissions  
Commissioners  
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Michael Ferrell, County Attorney



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Wake Forest Town Manager  
401 Elm Avenue  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

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cc: Richard Monteith, Mayor of Wake Forest  
Town Commissioners  
Velma Boyd  
Richard Finke  
Daniel Heimbach  
Bob Hill  
Al Hinton  
Eric Vernon, Town Attorney